INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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The changes to the eastern suburbs buses have impacted me greatly. I don't drive and depend on public transport to get to work, go to medical appointments and do shopping and get to social activities. Having fewer buses means substantially longer travel time to take into account waiting for buses, walking to an another bus stop, tram stop or train station. It makes no sense for buses to stop at museum instead of containing to circular quay or railway square. To get to a medical appointment at marton place I got a bus to Anzac parade to change to a 396 but the bus stop had been removed. I had to walk back to get the light rail - which took a lot longer. It stops at George st so I had to walk up to Macquarie street for my appointment. I was late. Previously I could get a 373, 374 or 377 straight to Elizabeth street at Martin place. I then had to walk after my appointment from Macquarie street back to museum to get a bus back to Randwick. How can an elderly person manage this! It makes no sense. Please stop making these changes to a bus system that worked so well previously.